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Monterey Bar, Cafe Workers Vote on Pact

Members of Monterey Hotel & Restaurant Workers and Bartenders Union 483 met in two sessions last Friday to vote on employer proposals for a new contract. Results were not announced in time for publication.

Union Secretary Bob Armstrong reported that the negotiating committee was recommending acceptance of the wage increase of 30 cents per day for all classifications, adding that he expected acceptance.

Negotiations this year were marked with harmony between union and employer groups. A retroactive date of July 15 for any agreement accepted was announced.

Armstrong pointed out that the contract under which the union now operates is so "workable" that the grievance procedure set up has not been used once in the past year.

Meanwhile, Local 483 announced completion of contract negotiations with the Del Monte Properties and S. F. B. Morse. Members employed at Del Monte Properties have ratified the new agreement, which provides a boost of 50 cents a day, effective July 16, according to Lou Gold, employee representative for the union.

Butchers Vote \$1 Assessment To Aid Hospital

Members of Butchers Union 506 have voted in all division meetings to assess themselves \$1 each to boost their international union's fund for construction of a new wing to the City of Hope tuberculosis hospital in Los Angeles.

The international union has raised \$50,000 for the proposed 129-bed wing through a testimonial dinner two years ago honoring International Secretary Pat Gorman, and hopes to boost the fund by another \$75,000 through profits from an edition of The Butcher Workman, national magazine, which will salute International President Earl Jimerson.

Members of Local 506 are reminded by union officials that the assessment is due and payable now, along with union dues.

Laborer Dies In Fall on Job

Raymond Joseph Ruiz, member of Salinas Laborers Union 272 for nearly 14 years, was killed in a 40-foot fall when a scaffolding broke on the freeway construction job on North Main Street last week. He was 55 and a veteran of the two world wars.

Union officials said the scaffolding broke as Brother Ruiz was pushing a wheelbarrow of concrete. The laborer's fall was broken by scaffold supports but death came at a hospital, due to internal injuries. A co-worker, Lewis Bartlett, was slightly hurt in the accident also.

Brother Ruiz leaves a daughter, a son, three brothers and two sisters. He was son of pioneer county residents, a native of Gonzales.

Marco Polo brought the first knowledge of Japan to the western world in 1295, five and one-half centuries before Commodore Perry succeeded in opening the country to western trade.



TEAMSTER SCHOLAR — Jeffery Cohelan, secretary-treasurer of East Bay, Calif., AFL Teamsters Local 302, has been selected by the US State Department to study in England for a year under the Fulbright educational exchange program. For some time a labor consultant to the University of California at Berkeley, Cohelan will do research in workers education and labor economics at University of Leeds. His family will go with him. (LPA)

Retiring Pres. Of CLC Honored

A bronze-plated gavel, inscribed with words "for a job well done" and bearing dates of his three years in office, was presented by the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas last meeting to R. A. Wood, retiring council president.

Wood was council president three years, vice president one year. He has been succeeded in the chair by Dial H. Miles, business manager of Electrical Workers Union 243.

Carl Helmso, new president of Carpenters Union 925, was saluted by the labor council also after he announced his retirement as a delegate. He has been active in council matters for many years.

The labor council has named Secretary A. J. Clark and Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Carpenters 925, as official delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention in San Francisco in August.

Donation of \$10 to the Shrine Circus Fund, to provide tickets to underprivileged children, was voted by the council.

Laborers Gain Wage Increase At Del Monte

Wage increases of 7½c and 10c were gained in various classifications by Laborers Union 690 of Monterey last week in negotiations with Del Monte Properties.

Bus. Agt. Leslie Estes of Local 690 said the new agreement provides for gasoline allowances to the job and retains benefits of the former agreement. Effective date is July 10. In addition, Estes said, several pending wage claims were settled.

Empie in S. J.

Wray D. ("Bill") Empie, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272, was in San Jose last Friday on matters pertaining to union contracts. Details were not reported.

Eide Vacations

Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 and president of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters, began his annual vacation this week. Friends said Eide and his family were on a trip but no details were reported.

Monterey District Carpenters' Finance Report

The Monterey District Council of Carpenters would like to have the following financial report for the year published in our paper for the benefit of all our members:

Balance on hand	
July 1, 1952	\$151.05
Receipts—July 1, 1952 to	
June 30, 1953	676.06
	\$827.11
Total Expenses July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953, of	
which \$300.00 was unpaid, \$822.16 being paid	\$822.16
Balance on hand June 30, 1953	\$ 4.95
Leo E. Thiltgen, Secy.	

LADIES PLAN RUMMAGE SALE IN MONTEREY

Ladies of the Auxiliary unit of Carpenters Union 1323 at Monterey will have their fund-raising rummage sale on Saturday, Sept. 5, in the basement of the Monterey Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St.

All members and friends with articles which might be sold at the rummage sale are requested to telephone Mrs. H. G. Hall, 837 Oak St., Seaside. Several collection points have been set up.

The Auxiliary will have a "box social" at the union hall on Saturday, Aug. 15, it was announced also. Details were not reported.

Carpenters 1323 To Keep Offices Open Saturday

Plans under which offices and headquarters of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey will be kept open on Saturday mornings were announced last week by the union.

Robert Dalton, union secretary, will be in the office on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, to assist members and collect dues.

Bus. Agt. Thomas Eide will be on call for the union on Saturdays, to check reports that carpenters are working without permits.

State Court Holds "Picket" Ordinance Unconstitutional

(State Fed. Release)

The State Appellate Court has declared an anti-labor ordinance in Kings County to be unconstitutional as a result of legal action taken by the California State Federation of Labor.

Meeting on a law suit filed by the state AFL organization against Kings County, the court last week ruled invalid an ordinance requiring a permit from the county sheriff for a parade on a public highway in an unincorporated area.

However, the same court upheld the validity of an ordinance adopted in 1949 which regulates the use of loudspeakers in unincorporated areas. Both ordinances had been used against legitimate labor campaigns in Kings County.

The parade ordinance was adopted in 1934 and the loudspeaker ordinance in 1949.

Both laws were turned against AFL farm worker activities. The 1949 ordinance was adopted during an organizing drive by the AFL National Agricultural Workers Union.

The parade regulation had been used to outlaw caravan picketing by the farm workers who travelled from field to field during strike periods.

The so-called anti-noise ordinance was adopted in 1949 to outlaw the AFL union practice of picket caravans blowing automobile horns to call workers from the fields.

In 1951 Judge Murray of Madera County heard arguments on the two ordinances after a lawsuit was filed by the California State Federation of Labor. The suit named Kings County, its board of supervisors, and three officials. Judge Murray ruled in favor of the county on both ordinances.

During the dispute Kings County hired one Walter Gleason as a special counsel to defend its position. The Hanford Journal last week reported that Gleason was paid a sum "in excess of \$10,000" for his services in the labor case. The California State Federation of Labor was represented in the suit by the firm of Todd and Todd.

Builders Seat New Officers On August 6

Newly elected officials of the Monterey County Building Trades Council will be obligated at the council's next meeting, Aug. 6, in Monterey.

George E. Jenkins, secretary of Laborers Union 690 at Monterey, is new president of the council, and Dial H. Miles, business manager of Salinas Electrical Workers Union 243, is new secretary.

A complete slate of new officers was elected by the building body, except for one holdover, Lloyd T. Long, financial secretary. Long is also a member of the State Building Trades Council executive board.

Wage Gain Won By Culinary 355

Wage increase of 50c an hour in all classifications was won in recent negotiations conducted by Culinary-Bartenders Union 355 of Salinas.

Union Secy. A. J. Clark said the contract was effective as of June 1. All retroactive wages have been paid, he added.

Sales of British cars in the United States for the first three months of this year were more than double those in the comparable period of 1952.

Salinas CLC Rodeo Float Draws Praise

The float of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas in the Colma del Rodeo parade of the California Rodeo this year drew widespread praise from business and civic leaders as well as from union officials.

Depicting "vacations of the world," the float contained a giant globe to portray the world and was attractively lighted.

Riding on the float, dressed in evening gowns, were attractive daughters of two union officials, Virginia Beth Knight, daughter of Business Agent Virgil Knight of Culinary-Bartenders 355, and Mary Ann Baldwin, daughter of Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925.

The float was mounted on a trailer, prepared and decorated by the Valley Decorating Co., of Fresno. Driver was Dial H. Miles, new president of the labor council and new secretary of the county Building Trades Council.

Labor Council Secretary A. J. Clark expressed his thanks and the council's appreciation to Cochran Motor Co., Salinas Ford agency, for lending the new car which pulled the trailer and float in the parade.

The rodeo celebration was more successful this year, with return of the night parade, Clark said. Better crowds were reported at the show itself and business people reported better trade this year.

Highlight of the week-long celebration was the skillful handling of traffic in and through Salinas by a company of military police from Fort Ord, all experts at traffic matters, keeping the traffic flow steady and as rapid as possible.

Monterey CLC Picks Officers

New officers were elected and installed by the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council last week, although V. A. Castle, new secretary, was not present for installation.

Nels Pederson was retained as council president, with Bros. Walker elected vice president, Randazzo, sergeant-at-arms, and Armstrong, arbitration board member. Installing officer was Les Caveny, secretary of Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, acting secretary of the council for several months.

Carp. Leaders At S.F. Meet

Officials of various carpenter unions of this area traveled to San Francisco last Thursday and Friday to meet with high international officers and board members.

Among those making the trip were Harvey Baldwin, of Seattle Local 925; Thomas Eide, Robert Dalton and William E. Booker, of Monterey Local 1323; Sam Combs, of Santa Cruz Local 829, and Mike Craner, of Watsonville Local 711.

SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo

LABOR CONTROLS SWEDEN; IS 99 PERCENT ORGANIZED

By PHILIP PEARL

Stockholm.—It takes the American visitor quite a while to get used to this bit of Sweden, now celebrating its 700th anniversary with typical U.S. booster spirit.

The Swedes like to say that except for autos and television they are 20 years ahead of America. Labor is 99 per cent organized. Every fourth Swede between the ages of 15 and 65 is a member of a trade union. Cooperatives own and operate a major share of business and agriculture. The population is covered by a broad program of social insurance, including health insurance.

Labor, in coalition with the farmers, controls the government of Sweden. Prime Minister Erlander, who seems too self-effacing for a successful political leader, is himself a trade unionist. His government is Socialist. It has eradicated slums entirely and built some of the finest workers' housing in the world.

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The Swedish Federation of Labor is adept at putting its best foot forward. It had many exhibits on display at the Rikstag (parliament) building, where the third world congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions was in session, explaining its achievements to the labor delegates from 75 nations. The charts, in English and several other languages, illustrated how well collective bargaining has been developed here, with strikes few and far between.

To England, Sweden sells food, especially pork and dairy products. Other European countries buy considerable Swedish steel. The tourists load up with crystal and silverware, which are among the finest produced in the world.

But this country still has to import many vital commodities. Beef, which is scarce and expensive, is brought in from Denmark and Argentina. The main food staples are fish, potatoes and bread. Fruits and vegetables are plentiful now, but hard to obtain during winter months.

The Socialist state, as the visitor finds it here, has drawbacks as well as attractions. There is great accent on efficiency, but it sometimes takes an hour to get your check in a restaurant. Functional living cramps the style of the tourist, what with hotel rooms built like pullman car compartments.

The uplift movement of the Socialists works in contrasting ways. Liquor is rationed to promote temperance, but restaurants and cafes are wide open and well stocked. There are but two night clubs in the city, advertised as such. One sells only soft drinks. In the other, where liquor is sold, it is not strange to see customers pass out on the dance floor.

One cannot linger long in night spots because this is the city where the dawn comes up like thunder at 2 a.m. It doesn't begin to get dark till 10 p.m. Sweden is close to the land of the midnight sun and in the northern area, golf matches are played at midnight. Of course, in the winter, the sun rises at 10 a.m. and sets at 2 p.m.

However, the climate and the life here seem to agree with the population which is 99 per cent Swedish. They are a healthful and vigorous lot, full of energy and bustle. The streets teem with bicycle riders—men and women of all ages pedaling furiously along the curbs while heavy automobile traffic occupies the middle of the street. Most cars are of American make and traffic, as in England, keeps to the left.

For a 700-year-old city, Stockholm has a new look. Except for the centrally located "old city," modern architecture prevails. From a hillside overlooking the group of islands on which the city is built, the square new apartment developments, the old Dutch gables, the Gothic spires and the oriental domes merge incongruously.

If there is one key factor which influences the Swedish way of life, it is her giant neighbor to the east, Soviet Russia. Only the Baltic Sea, not much more than a 15-minute hop by jet plane, separates Sweden from the Iron Curtain.

The Swedes fear and hate Russia as a traditional enemy and with the added feeling of a free people toward dictatorship. They know what the Nazi dictators did to neighboring Norway and Denmark during the last war. They know that the Communist dictatorship is even more terrible.

Thus the powerful Swedish Federation of Labor has become one of the bulwarks of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. And thus a large share of the national income is devoted to defense.

While Sweden is a monarchy, the king and queen remain unobtrusive and are quite democratic in their ways. Crowds of tourists rubber-neck through the royal palace and watch the ceremonial changing of the guard twice a week, but when members of the royal family move around the town, they are indistinguishable from other citizens and no one pays any particular attention to them.

By the same token, the prime minister traveled here from Lon-

don with us on a regular DC-6 of the Scandinavian Airline and he got the same courteous treatment as any other passenger. In fact, he misplaced his loading ticket at the London airport and had to hunt through all his pockets and papers—even as you or I—to find it before he could get aboard.

As against these democratic aspects, Sweden still has a State Church (Lutheran) and only adherents of that church are eligible to become members of the cabinet. The influence of the church in the schools is disturbing to some of the progressive elements in the country.

This is the first summer of really fine weather that Sweden has enjoyed in five years and the people are making the most of it with a vacation "binge." Businessmen are heard to complain about the long vacations, but everyone is having

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a wonderful time. The roads are full of motorbikes and pedal-pushing families, bound for summer resorts, camps and bathing beaches. To see so many happy children and sturdy young folks—tall, sun-tanned and shockingly blond—is one of the most satisfying rewards of the trip here.

UNION SERVICE



Local 890

General Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers' Union

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Again we wish to emphasize to our members the importance of having your dues paid on or before the FIRST OF EACH MONTH so that you may be eligible for death benefits.

Many members in the Monterey area have inquired as to why the beneficiary of Brother Robert Seebeck has not been

paid the death benefit. We are saddened by the fact that we are unable to pay this claim since Bro. Seebeck, who had been employed by Checker Cab Company, was over three months delinquent in dues and was suspended from the union. We have stated many times that you owe it to your family to keep your dues in good standing at all times as we never know what the future holds in store for us.

LOCAL FREIGHT

We hope to report in our next bulletin that the Local Freight agreement has been settled, as we have received a favorable offer from the trucking employers and we are recommending it be accepted by the membership.

A strike vote has been taken by those members engaged in the hauling of produce from the fields to the packing sheds since we have not been offered any monetary increase for this group.

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Becu, of Belgium, Is Chosen as New President of ICFTU

Stockholm (LPA)—Omar Becu of Belgium was chosen new president of the Intl. Confederation of Free Trade Unions, succeeding Sir Vincent Tewson, of Britain. J. H. Oldenbroek was re-elected general secretary. A report to the congress assailed MRA as engaging in "anti-trade-union efforts."

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MUSICIANS IN CANADA — President James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians greets AFL President George Meany (center) before Meany addressed the 1135 delegates to AFM's 56th convention in Montreal. Meany said that as long as oppressive legislation threatens organized labor, unions must remain active in politics. To his left Montreal Mayor Camilian Houde. (LPA)

US Chamber Against Guaranteed Annual Wage as Impractical

Washington (LPA) — The guaranteed annual wage is no solution to the problem of "business cycle unemployment," says the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, charging it won't work.

In a study tabbed "Guaranteed Wages Through Supplemented Unemployment Compensation," the Chamber says that intensified business methods plus greater management-labor cooperation is the only practical answer to the problem of boom and bust.

Much already has been done to level out peaks and valleys of unemployment through introduction of new and supplementary products to combat seasonal swings in production, the study asserts, and through development of new markets and uses for existing products; production for stock, and increased advertising and promotion.

"With mutual confidence and understanding and a willingness on the part of labor to shift from an accustomed job to a different type of job, still more can often be done in providing steady employment throughout the year," the study declares.

The study asserts that: Guaranteed wages have proven feasible only within certain favorable circumstances which do not exist for industry generally; there have been as yet no practical suggestions on how broad cyclical disturbances in demand and employment, on an industry by industry basis, can be stabilized; proposals for integrating jobless benefits with a guaranteed annual wage program would require drastic amendment of state laws and complete abandonment of basic principles underlying the unemployment compensation system.

Its study shows, says the Chamber, that where guaranteed annual wage plans exist, they followed, but did not create, establishment of steady employment.

Business "is a slave to its volume and rate of sales," says the study, and "no private company without a certainty of future sales can 'guarantee' wages or give any definite assurance of being able to pay an annual income any more than it can guarantee profits or other payments."

The Chamber charges that advocates of guaranteed annual wage plans are trying to tie their objective to unemployment compensation because in industry generally a total annual demand for production cannot be reasonably forecast. To tie the guaranteed annual wage to unemployment compensation, says the Chamber, would force the state to discriminate between workers receiving the guarantee and those not covered by such a plan, and would leave the recipient without financial incen-

No Depression Fear If Peace Comes, Meany Tells ICFTU

Stockholm.—The free world need not fear a depression when peace comes, AFL President George Meany told the third world congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

The notion that present prosperity depends upon expenditures for military production is spread by Communist propagandists who hope to enlarge their domain if an economic collapse occurs, Meany declared.

In discussing his report on the "Economic and Social Tasks of Today," Meany told the delegates:

EXPANDED MARKETS

"Let us assume for a moment that the enduring and durable peace for which we all yearn and hope has finally been attained. We would then be in a better position to raise the standard of living and improve the working conditions of millions of our people. This would mean expanded domestic markets, an extension of the people's capacity to purchase as well as produce consumer goods.

"But there are also other means that can be employed for expanding economic activity in the democratic world. These are entirely peaceful in character. They are divorced from all military undertakings. We must meet the basic needs of society the fulfillment of which has been slowed down or postponed by the requirements of rearmament.

"We refer to the task of meeting the vast housing needs, the construction of schools, hospitals and roads, the development of rural electrification, reforestation projects and the conquest of drought and flood by creating facilities for adequate storage of water.

We must make a personal attack, when there is no argumentative basis for our speech. —Cicero.



Doctors Suggest Liaison with Labor; Set Higher Fee Schedules

A means by which the labor movement can be in regular contact with representatives of the medical profession, and with hospital officials, insurance companies and others interested in health and welfare problems, has been proposed.

The suggestion was made by the San Francisco Medical Society in the course of a meeting Tuesday night of this week at which two representatives of labor were present, Sec. Daniel Del Carlo of the San Francisco Building Trades Council and Bus. Rep. Joe Murphy of Hodcarriers Local 36.

The medics called for a liaison committee with representatives of the medical profession, insurance industry, health plans, like Blue Cross and California Physicians Service, hospital conference, employers and labor.

The committee would meet frequently and regularly and serve to bring all interested parties together for review of medical and hospital charges, airing of complaints, education of the profession and the public and working out of disputes between any of the groups involved.

Secretary Del Carlo said labor is very much interested in participating in such a group.

At the session, which was a regular meeting of the Medical Society in its headquarters at 2180 Washington St., there was submitted a new fee schedule prepared by the doctors. There is no compulsion for the doctors to limit themselves to these fees, but they were put out "solely as a guide for \$5000 or less family income group."

Del Carlo said labor has not had a chance to analyze the new schedule, but a quick glance at the figures gave a cue to the rise which has taken place in the "medical cost of living."

Suggested surgical fees are considerably higher than the amounts approved by the doctors two years ago. Comparing the new fees with those approved by the doctors' committee for the Hod Carriers Welfare Plan, the suggested charge for an appendectomy would go from \$150 to \$200 or \$250, depending on severity of the case.

Guy Farmer Sworn In on NLRB, Is Named Chairman

Washington (LPA) — Guy Farmer was sworn in as a member of the National Labor Relations Board and designated chairman in a ceremony witnessed by the entire headquarters staff of the board July 13.

Farmer was flanked by former associates and friends as he took the oath on the stage of the auditorium of the Social Security building. Among those present as Chief Judge Harold M. Stephens of the U.S. Court of Appeals administered the oath were former Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, with whom Farmer had been practicing law; William Barton, U.S. Chamber of Commerce employee relations expert; and Thomas Harriss, CIO counsel. Board member Ivar H. Peterson presided.

In brief remarks to the NLRB employees following the ceremony, Farmer assured them he came to his new job "not to grind an axe or to wield one." He said that he saw collective bargaining carried out between parties "equally protected" as one of the "cornerstones of free democratic society."

"I come here not as a partisan of management or of labor but with a deep resolve to promote harmonious relations by the honest application of the statute," he said.

In a newspaper interview, Farmer was quoted as saying he believed the NLRB should be able to cede jurisdiction in certain types of cases to the states by agreement with the states. Retail stores were mentioned in the story as typical of the area where jurisdiction might be ceded.

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They Like 'Em Small

You frequently hear comments about big, strong and rich unions. But you seldom hear anyone mention that 40 per cent of all industrial workers in the United States are employed by only one-tenth of one per cent of all employers!

Big unions? Sure, some of them are big. But they have grown big in defending their people against immense business empires.

As Dave Beck, general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, stated recently when the IBT launched organization of its trade divisions on national lines, "Labor must adopt the national organizational patterns which are used by big business."

Small, isolated labor unions cannot negotiate effectively when they are pitted against a single company which operates branches in hundreds of different cities from coast to coast.

The giant corporation can, and frequently does, play one union against another. It can and does attempt to weaken individual unions one by one by provoking scattered strikes and lockout. A labor dispute of any duration can inflict a mortal wound on the small union but makes scarcely a dent in the profit armor of a mammoth corporation.

The answer to big business remains big unions. Unions are not big by choice, but by necessity.

There are some employers who want to see business big and hope that it stays big. But when it comes to unions, they like 'em small—or not at all.—Oregon Teamster.

Wanted: A Foreign Policy

Saying that the U.S. is in an appreciably weaker position than she was during the last months of the Truman Administration, the widely-read Catholic weekly, The Commonweal, blames the lack of an American policy for the fact that "we have lost prestige . . . initiative . . . and leadership."

"It is now a case of every man for himself," The Commonweal summed up. "American leadership can . . . find new policies to meet the emerging shape of opportunities and challenges of the future. But leadership is now absent."

"We have squabbled over the value of economic assistance. We have discredited our information services and burnt our books, making ourselves look like buffoons with totalitarian inclinations. We have failed to liberalize our trade policies—are, in fact, on the verge of stiffening them. We have not liberalized our immigration laws. We cut our military appropriations."

"When the East German riots took place, we made newsreels of them, and advised 'prudence.' We followed with a weak demand for free elections. We ignored the opportunity for real diplomatic attack, for a powerful high-level demand that East Germans be given their basic political rights, that the will of the East German people be heard."

Wanted: A foreign policy.

Bosses Grab Strikes

Where it used to be a simple case of labor asking a pay raise, crafty management manipulators are now deliberately provoking strikes to further some beef of their own against government, public, or other disputants. Such is the Key System strike in S.F. Bay Area, where the rich, powerful monopoly is making labor the goat for higher fares and higher profits.

"UNION MAID" —A Serial Story



SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

GEORGE JENKINS

Bus. Agt. Laborers Union 690,
Monterey

Did you know there are now over five million people receiving benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance system, and that four out of every five mothers and children are now protected by survivors insurance? Did you know that the 1950 amendments to the social security law brought 10 million additional people under old-age and survivors insurance? This means that three out of every four jobs are now covered under the old-age and survivors insurance feature of the law?

At this time, if a person dies who has worked for a year and a half in jobs that count toward social security, his wife and minor children will receive a monthly family benefit of from \$45 to \$168.75, depending upon the worker's average monthly earnings. In some cases monthly benefits can be paid to dependent parents, and a lump-sum death benefit is paid in most cases.

If one works on a job covered by social security one-half the time after 1950 or after age 21, whichever is later, until he is 65 he may receive upon retirement anywhere from \$25 to \$85 monthly, with additional payments to his wife when she is 65. At least six calendar quarters of work covered by the law are necessary in every case. Forty quarters will fully insure one for life. The number of quarters required in order for benefits to be paid depends upon the worker's age.

Do you know where you and your family stand? What payments would your family get in case of your death? What payments may you expect in old age? These are the questions every American man and woman should investigate. Pamphlets available free at your local social security office will give the answers. It will save you time and worry to know how you stand under social security!

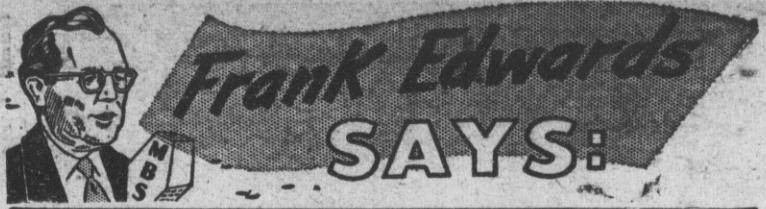
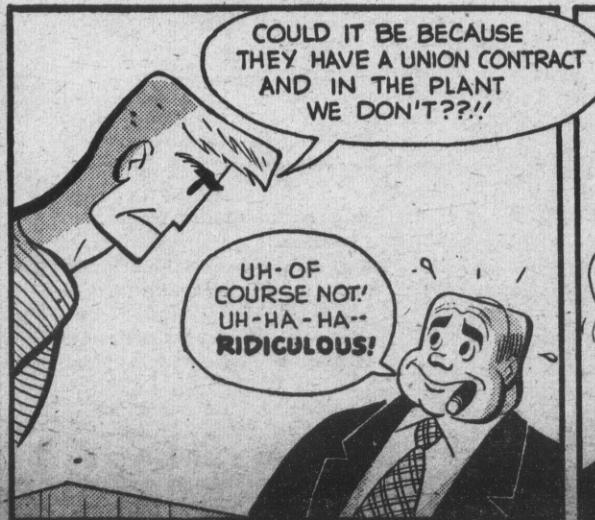
For further information on these or any other points regarding your social security, get in touch with the Social Security Field Office at the address below.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYPRESS 2-2480.

At 85 He's Still Battling for Labor

Erie, Pa. (LPA)—Although he is 85, Ed Attridge still is battling for trade unionism. At the Central Labor Union office recently he recalled the days when a man who joined a union risked being blacklisted, and he doesn't want such conditions as existed around the turn of the century to return.

A leader in the labor movement as far back as the 1890's, he is the only man left in Erie who belonged to the old Knights of Labor, fore-runner of the AFL. He also lays claim to being the city's oldest member of the International Association of Machinists.



Washington, D. C.

● Under Handout . . .

The gift of one million tons of government surplus wheat to the starving people of Pakistan which was approved by Congress contains a hidden prize which has not been made plain to the American people. Here is the gimmick: We have already given to Pakistan \$95 million in economic aid. We are now sending them one million tons of government wheat, which the American public has been led to believe is a gift to the starving people of that nation. Actually, only 30 percent of that wheat will go to the Pakistan people as a gift from the people of this country. The rest of the wheat, about \$75 million worth, will be sold by the government of Pakistan and the government of Pakistan will keep the money, to do with as it sees fit. We are, therefore, giving the people of Pakistan 30 percent of the wheat; giving the government of Pakistan another \$75 million subsidy, which has not been explained to the American public. Is it any wonder the State Department has been so quiet about it?

● Not Up to Par:

Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind., Oregon) points out that Ike is discovering the facts of government the hard way. You can't run the country from a country club.

● The Give Away Stretch:

Acting with feverish haste, the House of Representatives approved a piece of giveaway legislation by which the great synthetic rubber industry can be turned over to private ownership. This is the industry built with taxpayers' money at a cost of \$700 million. It saved this nation and the free world during World War Two. Now that it is no longer an experiment, but a going and very profitable enterprise, the taxpayers are being counted out.

JOKES. Etc.

Said one drunk to the other, as they walked down the railroad tracks:

"Shay, these stairs are killing me!"

Answered the other drunk: "It ain't the stairs—it's these low bannisters."

He was one of those tourists who like to brag about the number of miles covered in a day. As the evening wore on they passed motel after motel with the "No Vacancy" sign out. Finally, the little woman remarked, "I know we'll find one soon, dear. People are starting to get up."

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John: "Whisper those three little words that will make me walk on air."

Mary: "Go hang yourself."

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PUTTING HIM OFF

A man went to his doctor and requested treatment for his ankle. After a careful examination, the doctor inquired, "How long have you been going about like this?"

"Two weeks."

"Why, man, your ankle is broken. Why didn't you come to me sooner?"

"Well, doctor, every time I say anything is wrong with me, my wife declares I'll have to stop smoking."

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PLEASE DO!

Standing in a crowded trolley bus, a rather buxom woman was vainly trying to find a quarter for carfare. All her pockets had been tightly buttoned as a precaution against pickpockets—and no little commotion resulted from her efforts.

"Please let me pay your fare," said a man crowded beside her.

"Nothing of the kind," she replied, continuing her search. "I've got the fare here someplace."

"I don't doubt it for a minute, lady," said the man, greatly agitated, "but I'd like to pay your fare. You've unbuttoned my suspender three times already."

TURN PIX SIDEWAYS — And you'll see that Film Star Louise DeCarlo is really reclining on a sandy beach and not standing in a peculiar pose at all. (LPA)



by Stan Jennings

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REVITALIZE ICFTU UNDER NEW LEADERS

By PHILIP PEARL

Stockholm—Three outstanding developments featured the final session of the third world congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions here:

Alcoa, 3 Unions Agree on Raises For 30,000 Wkrs.

Pittsburg (LPA)—The Aluminum Co. of America has agreed on wage increases and other benefits with three unions representing 30,000 workers in 18 plants. The agreements bring a general increase of 8½ cents and end the north-south differentials.

The pact with the CIO Steelworkers covers 17,000 workers in Alcoa, Tenn.; Badin, NC; Bauxite, Ark.; Mobile, Ala.; Richmond, Ind.; Rockdale, Tex.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Detroit; Edgewater, NJ; and New Kensington, Pa.

The wage reopeners with the AFL Aluminum Workers and the AFL Metal Trades council affect 13,000 at Chillicothe, O.; Cressona, Pa.; Davenport, Ia.; East St. Louis, Ill.; Lafayette, Ind.; Massena, N.Y.; Wenatchee, Wash.; and Point Comfort, Tex.

The pact with the Steelworkers is effective July 13 and runs to July 31, 1954. It gives workers in the south and southwest 2 cents more an hour to end the wage differentials with the north. An additional increase will be negotiated within 60 days for the lowest-rated jobs at Mobile, and a wage study will be made to iron out other differentials.

FTC Not Blind to Phony Claims by Blind, Inc.

Easton, Pa. (LPA)—The firm of Rugs of the Blind, Inc., and its officers have been ordered by a Federal Trade Commission examiner to stop advertising that their rugs are made by blind persons when in fact they are not. The firm must stop using the corporate name or any other name containing the word "blind" in connection with any rug not made by blind persons.

Union Expands Resort

Forest Park, Pa. (LPA)—The AFL Int'l. Ladies Garment Workers Union plans to spend \$1 million to expand facilities at Unity House, its vacation resort here. Improvements will include a 1,400-seat theater to cost \$700,000, with a three-dimensional screen and a stage for musical and dramatic offerings; a new guest house for 200, to increase total capacity to 1,400, and a Turkish bath. Present facilities, worth \$2 million, include 45 buildings.

Italian woolen exports to this country are being stepped up.

Modern Union HQ

Detroit (LPA)—The last word in modern design features the \$300,000 union headquarters to be built by Local 174, Auto Workers. Three connected one-story buildings will occupy 4½ acres of a 7½-acre site. Included will be an auditorium seating 800, a kitchen, bar, and parking space for 250 cars.

Crab Season Ends

Sacramento.—California's commercial and sport crab fishing seasons close July 31 to protect the crabs during their molting and spawning period. Both seasons re-open November 15, except in Del Norte, Mendocino and Humboldt county waters where no fishing is permitted until December 15.



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WEAKEN JOBLESS PAY BY REED BILL

(AFL Release)

Just before the House passed the Reed bill to weaken the unemployment compensation program, Rep. John Shelley (D., Calif.) pointed out to his colleagues that inasmuch as the measure was the first piece of Social Security legislation to come before the 83d Congress "it is rather strange that this

particular bill should be chosen to break the roadblock on Social Security set up by the Ways and Means Committee."

"Apparently," Shelley said, "the committee does not feel that legislation which will work to the benefit of employers by reducing their tax load requires the same study they contend is needed before any bills benefiting the worker can be brought to the floor.

"I would be interested in knowing why the reported statement of the distinguished chairman of the committee that no 'patchwork' Social Security legislation would be attempted at this session has been ignored in the case of this bill.

"STUDY" IS BYPASSED

"It is particularly interesting to note that the unemployment insurance system is one of the federal-state functions which are supposed to be the subject of intense study by the Commission on Governmental Functions and Fiscal Resources just agreed to by the House and the Senate. It is difficult to see why enactment of legislation of such far-reaching nature as we are asked to pass cannot await this study.

"Apparently the committee does not attach as much importance to studies by other Congressionally authorized groups as they do to the time-consuming Social Security survey they are now conducting on their own initiative. Why they should feel it necessary to rush this controversial bill through without the same careful attention I do not know, unless it is because they fear that the commission's findings would not be to the liking of the interests this bill would benefit."

The bill would turn over to state agencies funds collected from the federal unemployment tax—over and above the administrative grants voted by Congress.

AFL AGAINST BILL

Organized labor repeatedly has argued against the bill, its only supporters being Big Business interests, hoping to cut their jobless insurance tax, and state administrative agencies who are influenced by those interests.

Recently, AFL President George Meany labeled the organization of state unemployment insurance officials, known as the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies, "a tool of reactionary and special interest groups whose basic purposes are not consistent with those of a sound unemployment insurance program."

The Reed measure, under the guise of helping maintain a safe margin of state funds for unemployment benefits, favors employers through a loophole allowing them to reduce their unemployment compensation taxes, makes increases in jobless pay benefits more difficult in many states, and permits state agencies to be still more independent of standards set by the U.S. Labor Department.

Oil Price Hikes Add \$50 Million To U.S. Arms Bill

Washington (LPA)—Recent price increases in oil will add \$50 million to Uncle Sam's bill for fueling the Army, Navy and Air Force this fiscal year. The bill would have been even greater, had not the armed services placed orders before the price boost.

So Defense Department officials testified June 15 before the House Interstate Commerce Committee investigating recent price boosts. If Middle East crude oil prices increase, the Committee was told, Europe and other countries getting MSA aid from the U.S. will have an added dollar drain of \$48 million this fiscal year.

Reduced emphasis on European rearmament is urged.

Some Families In Debt 120% Of Their Income

Minneapolis (LPA)—More and more families are getting in hock up to their ears, according to a survey by the Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. here.

The company's family economics bureau made a nation-wide survey and found some families owing on installment purchases more than their breadwinners earn in a year.

A debt counsellor in Chicago reported "We are receiving definitely more cases, more deeply in debt." He said that before the war they had families coming in with an installment payment load of 60 to 75 per cent of their income, "but now they often come in with an installment load that equals 120 per cent of their income." He said a drop of 10 per cent in employment "would cause us to be overwhelmed by distress cases."

The survey showed a larger proportion of applicants for bank personal loans are too debt-burdened to be acceptable risks unless they find co-signers or special collateral.

The survey found the typical over-burdened family has an income of \$3000 to \$4000, owes 15 to 20 creditors from \$1200 to \$2500, has a car and a TV set but no savings or cash resources.

Chief causes listed for the burden are inflation, high taxes, inability to resist "impulse" buying, illness or other emergencies, or just plain bad management.

The records for Minneapolis show total obligations of the average debtor have risen from \$488 in 1930 to close to \$2400 today. The report said "the situation of the average debtor is worsening."

'Right to Work' Laws Fail to Pass

Since January 1, 1953, the phony "Right to Work" laws have been introduced in 11 states, mostly western. All 11 states refused to pass these union-busting laws.

For the moment the surge of anti-labor "Right to Work" laws seems to have been halted. This is in part due to the effective political education work of the unions. It is in part due to the increasing awareness of the American public that strong unions are as much a part of our free enterprise system as are the employers with whom they bargain.

However, the anti-labor forces know that if the 1954 election results in a reactionary victory, they will again have a mandate to demand further "Right to Work" laws which will enforce the right of one man to scab on another. The solution lies with us. All we have to do is support our friends and defeat our enemies in 1954. Every AFL member can do his part by contributing one dollar to Labor's League for Political Education, then by registering, and voting on election day.

Philly Man Wills Estate To Canada's CCF

Regina, Sask. (LPA)—Raymond Challis, 71, of Philadelphia, Pa., has willed all his property, availed at more than \$50,000, to the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation of Saskatchewan. Notifying the CCF here of the bequest, Challis wrote that "my belief is that when my country goes socialist it will be due to the influence of Canada."

Give a buck, or even more, To elect your friends in '54.



NEW NLRB HEAD.—Guy Farmer, Washington attorney and former assistant general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, was sworn in July 13 as new NLRB chairman, replacing Paul Herzog, who resigned. (LPA)

Calif. Factory Jobs Highest Since 1944

California manufacturing industries last month employed 1,022,900 wage and salary workers, the largest June total for any year since 1944. Paul Scharrenberg, California Director of Industrial Relations, announced today.

Employment in California factories increased by 1800 between May and June primarily as a result of seasonal gains in food processing, lumber, and apparel manufacturing.

Employment in automobile plants decreased by about 1300 during the month and minor losses were registered in a few other manufacturing industries.

Scharrenberg pointed out that the May-June increase in manufacturing employment is the smallest monthly rise recorded this year and is also the smallest May-June increase since the start of Korean hostilities.

Monthly gains in factory employment so far in 1953 have been principally seasonal in character, marking a halt in the rapid growth in employment that began three years ago.

The number employed in manufacturing plants is 8 per cent above a year ago and 40 per cent higher than in June 1950, immediately before the Korean outbreak. The bulk of this increase has been in defense-connected durable goods industries and took place prior to 1953.

5 Million Are Now Working in Calif.

Despite a major work stoppage in the construction industry and a drop in government employment, the number of workers employed in California rose by 27,000 between May and June to a total of 4,889,000, the State Department of Employment and Industrial Relations announced.

The joint analysis of the labor market prepared by the two state agencies credited a seasonal rise in farm employment with contributing the major portion of the increase in the number of people at work. The June total was 182,000 higher than that for the same month a year ago and exceeded by a considerable margin any previous June level in the state's history.

Accompanying the rise in employment was a decline in unemployment to an estimated 160,000. This was 5000 below the May level and 11,000 fewer than were unemployed in June last year. The state's labor force, which includes both employed and unemployed workers, totaled 5,049,000 last month, 22,000 above the May figure and 171,000 above the estimate for June, 1952.

A National Television Council was constituted in London, England, on June 18, 1953, with the primary aim of opposing commercial television.

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Remember "Pinky" Tomlin? The fellow who wrote "The Object of My Affection"? Swell tune and swell guy. He plays a mean guitar and sings softly and well. "Pinky" was in the Navy for three or four years during World War II. He did a lot of duty in the South Pacific, during which he was often called on to entertain in the front line hospitals ashore. He was able to sooth guys who were in great pain, give a lift to those who were blue. One day he was commanded from his usual job of deck swabbing, to sing and play for a special guy. Seem's this guy's favorite song was "The Object of My Affection." It was kind of his and his wife's theme song. "Pinky" sang the song to him softly, and watched the young fellow die with a smile on his face. Bless you.—L.M.Y.

Baldwin Plans Vacation Trip

Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, was to leave this week on a two-week vacation trip, accompanied by his wife and family. Destination was not disclosed.

During his absence, the union office will be kept open during its regular hours by office secretary Margaret Brown. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some Squid

Several days of work were gained by members of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union last week as local fishing boats brought in a few loads of squid. Union officials said the squid had been delivered to several plants. Some tuna was expected this week by truck.

Chote Returns

Earl Chote, business representative for the Auto Mechanics and Machinists Union at Salinas, was back at his desk in the Salinas Labor Temple last week after a vacation trip which took him into parts of southern California and Nevada.

Support the labor press.

Our "Aid" to Europe Goes to The Wealthy, Not Workers!

Washington (LPA)—While supporting the continuation of the European aid program AFL President George Meany levelled sharp criticism at the manner of its distribution in an editorial in the July American Federationist, official AFL magazine. Meany's message was based on his first hand observations made during his attendance at the ICFTU congress in Stockholm.

While jobs are plentiful, living standards remain "unbelievably low" and the cold war causes the diversion of large amounts from the economic improvement of the countries into armament. Whittling away of American aid and the threat of its end is a factor in the feeling that peace may be negotiated with the Kremlin.

Meany specified how our aid program is failing to "fill the bill."

"Too large a share of this American assistance has been absorbed by a few wealthy industrialists," Meany wrote. "Too little has

AFL Calls Convention

Warning that 1953 may prove a year of decision between war and peace, AFL officials have issued their official call to the 72nd national convention, to be held in St. Louis commencing on Monday, Sept. 21.

Signed by Pres. George Meany, Secy.-Treas. William Schnitzler, and the 13 vice presidents of the Executive Council, the convention message declares that the AFL will review changes in national policy that have taken place since the election of a Republican administration.

It also predicts the convention will chart a course of broadened political activity for the 1954 Congressional elections.

In the field of foreign relations, the message declares the AFL will:

1. Survey world developments to the end of promoting peace without appeasement;

2. Forge policies to buttress the forces of free labor everywhere in the fight against totalitarianism.

Convention business will be conducted in the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, and will continue in session until completion of the agenda.

The convention will mark the first in 28 years not presided over by William Green, who died in November of last year.

President Green succeeded Samuel Gompers on the latter's death in 1924.

New TV Station Tests Begin Soon

Following an agreement with electrical workers' unions in a current dispute, construction of the transmitter for television channel 8, to be operated by radio stations KMBY and KSBW, is proceeding so rapidly that pattern tests will be started in a week or so. Program transmission is expected to start in September, with films as first scheduled programs.

Jenkins Away

George E. Jenkins, secretary of Monterey Laborers Union 690, and his wife were on a motor trip into the mountain area this week, enjoying their vacation. They are due back next week.

American whaling ships cruising in the Bonin Islands in 1853 supplied sperm oil to the ships of the Perry Japan Expedition at \$1.25 per gallon.



THERE'S A MORAL HERE: Children of AFL Upholsterers on strike against the Overton Co. in South Haven, Mich., are shown here supporting their parents on the picket line to protect the fact that school teachers are helping break the five-month strike by taking summer jobs at the plant. If the school teachers were organized in South Haven, they wouldn't be a ready source of scab labor. This is one more proof of the need for helping organization of teachers and all other "white collar" workers.

TORIES WILL RUIN U.S. IF GIVEN CHANCE

New Brunswick, N.J. (LPA)—If reactionary elements in Congress at next year's elections "are able to increase their majority, on their own hook and without the benefit of President Eisenhower's coattails," AFL Secretary-Treasurer William Schnitzler warned, "they will embark on a back-to-McKinley spree from which this country will never recover."

Addressing the Rutgers University Labor Institute, he said: "We must begin to work now so that Labor's League for Political Education will be in good trim for 1954" when the voting "may prove to be one of the most crucial in our history."

"To neglect political action is to court political attack and the political destruction of our trade union objectives," he said. "Political power is created to be used, and it will tend to be used in the interest of those who wield it. Political self-defense demands political action."

POLITICS—ECONOMICS

Pointing out that "political decisions have economic consequences," Schnitzler cited tax and monetary policies, budget appropriations, Social Security questions, disposition of natural resources, as well as labor legislation, as issues which "are decided in the political market place."

"The AFL," he continued, "has certain basic social and economic objectives which can only be realized through legislation. Decent housing, medical care, civil rights, and broader educational opportunities for all—to mention some of the aims—are no less important in labor's program than higher wages and shorter hours, but they are beyond the scope of collective bargaining alone. The achievement of our goals therefore depends upon our ability to rally and to use our potential political strength, as well as our economic strength."

Warning organized labor against endorsing a candidate in every campaign even if both candidates are unsavory, Schnitzler said: "We should endorse only those candidates of whom we can be proud. Working as we are within the framework of a broadly-based two-party system, our candidates must appeal to a wide cross-section of the populace in order to gain election."

SAME AS COMMUNITY

"We must identify ourselves with, and not separate ourselves from, this broad public interest, and cast our lot with candidates who will appeal to all liberal-minded persons, and not just to labor alone."

"The success of LLPE, over the long run and throughout the ebb

Disability Benefit To Rise to \$35 On Jan. 1, 1954

(State Fed. Release)

Signing of a progressive disability insurance bill highlighted post-legislative action by Gov. Earl Warren prior to his departure for Europe on July 12 to rejoin his family on their summer vacation trip abroad.

Introduced by Assemblyman Ernest R. Geddes (R., Pomona) the measure boosts weekly benefits to \$35 and ups hospital benefits to \$10 per day for the 12-day period now allowed by law.

The amendments will go into effect next January 1. Present law provides for \$30 weekly benefits and \$8 daily hospital payments.

Despite AFL protests, the Governor also signed the controversial Dolwig time-off-for-voting measure which repeals the present law providing two hours with pay as a matter of right and now forbids workers any compensated time off if they have as little as 15 minutes outside of their working hours to reach their polling place after arriving home. The election bill was sponsored by Assemblyman Richard J. Dolwig (R., San Carlos).

Also signed into law were bills providing for the following:

1. Participation by local governmental agencies in employee health and welfare plans. This measure, introduced by Assemblyman Donald D. Doyle (R., Lafayette) will permit local government agencies to make the same type of contributions that are now being made by other employers to such plans.

2. Inclusion of a public housing authority within the definition of a "political subdivision" in respect to the prevailing wage on public works projects. The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Samuel R. Geddes (D., Napa).

3. Inclusion of "alteration and demolition work" under the prevailing wage law, generally clarifying and strengthening the prevailing wage principle in public works.

4. Denial of unemployment insurance benefits to a worker who leaves the job for marital reasons until such person is subsequently employed.

At the request of the state AFL, Governor Warren vetoed two bills which would establish a three-year statute of limitations under the Unemployment Insurance Act even though an employer had failed without good cause to file a return. The present law requires that if an employer fails to file a return without good cause, the three-year statute of limitations is not applicable. One of the vetoed bills was introduced by Assemblyman Harold K. Levering (R., Beverly Hills) and the other by Assemblyman G. Delbert Morris (R., Los Angeles).

The Governor also vetoed a bill which would deny payment of unemployment insurance to a worker receiving severance pay. This bill was introduced by Senator Jack Tenney (R., Los Angeles).

Cave-in Death of Worker Gets Company a \$500 Fine

(State Fed. Release)

In the first trench-conviction case in California's industrial annals, the Stockton Construction Company, Inc., and foreman John Weibe were convicted last week for safety violations which led to the death of Arvin Tompkins, 62, of Hilmar, who was fatally injured in the collapse of a ditch on January 30th in Turlock.

Judge Harry O. Carlson rendered the verdict in Turlock on July 17, fining the company and the foreman \$250 each for violating the State Trench Safety Orders and the Labor Code.

The complaint against the defendants was signed by Joe Roberts, labor liaison representative of the State Division of Industrial Safety. Roberts declared that the investigations made by the division found violation of the Labor Code and of several sections of the Trench Safety Orders.

The State Division of Industrial

Safety has long been concerned with preventable deaths and injuries caused by the collapse of trenches, ditches, and excavations. In 1952 alone there were 12 deaths from this source, with 190 disabling injuries recorded. The division's chief, A. C. Blackman, has ordered State safety engineers to continue to require full compliance with shoring and bracing requirements.

Your obligation to your union doesn't end with the payment of dues. Attend meetings and take part in union affairs.